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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1, 11-12, and 19-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19-23, 25-31 and 33-35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 11, 24 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The specification, as originally filed, does not provide support for "decrementing a first index to the lines in the first area" and "incrementing a second index to the lines in the second area".

Election/Restrictions

3. Newly submitted claims 19-23, 25-31 and 33-35 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Claims 19 and 27-28 are directed to scanning of lines in a third area;

Claims 20-23 are directed to decrementing a first index to lines in a first area, and incrementing a second index to lines in a second area.

Claims 25-26 are directed to reversing a first direction when a selection is beyond an extent of a display;

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Claims 29-31 are directed to a control unit is configured to select a select sequence based on a data content; and

Claims 33-35 are directed to a control nit configured to control a plurality of backlight device.

These inventions are independent and distinct from the invention originally claimed.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 19, 25-31 and 33-35 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 11 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuribayashi et al. (5615027).

Regarding to claims 1 and 32, Kuribayashi discloses a display device and a method of scanning lines in the display device, comprising: selecting one or more lines in a predefined first area (1st Block, Fig. 7E; Section A, Fig. 9) of the display to be

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scanned, scanning the one or more lines in the first area (Fig. 7E), selecting one or more lines in a predefined second area of the display (2nd Block, Fig. 7E; Section B, Fig. 9), scanning the one or more lines in the second area (Fig. 7E), and repeating the selecting and scanning of lines in each of the first and second areas (Fig. 7E). Since Kuribayashi further discloses the scanning method reduces flickers in the display device (col. 2, lines 45-51), the tracking by a human eye of energy variations caused by scanning inherently reduced.

Regarding to claim 11, Kuribayashi further discloses selecting a line between a first and a last line of a first set of lines of the display and thereafter alternately selecting and scanning a lower order line and a higher order line relative to the first selected line until all lines of the first set have been scanned (Fig. 7E), and selecting a line between a first and a last line of a second set of lines of the display and thereafter alternately selecting and scanning a lower order line and a higher order line relative to the first selected line of the second set until all lines of the second set of lines have been scanned Fig. 7E).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuribayashi et al. in view of Sakumoto (6563483).

Kuribayashi does not disclose randomly selecting the lines within each of the first area and the second area.

Sakumoto, in the same display field, discloses randomly selecting lines in a display area to reduce shadowing and waving in a display device (see Abstract).

In light of Sakumoto, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use Sakumoto's concept in Kuribayashi's invention to randomly select the lines within each of the first area and the second area so that the shadowing and waving of Kuribayashi's display device can be reduced.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis-Doon Chow whose telephone number is 571-272-7767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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